## OWP HOT TOPICS 2017-03-15

## This week:

## Draft Underground Injection Control (UIC) permits for proposed in-situ Uranium mining operation in South Dakota issued for public comment

<u>Key Message:</u> The draft UIC permits and proposed aquifer exemption for the Dewey Burdock project were issued on Monday, March 6th with no comment at this time from Tribes or other concerned parties.

- A comprehensive communication strategy has been implemented. The State of South Dakota, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and 38 Tribal Nations were notified at the beginning of the public comment period.
- The Region has received some local press and private citizen inquiries asking for more information and clarification on EPA's proposed actions.
- The public comment period closes May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Public hearings are scheduled for late April and early May in and around the proposed project site.
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